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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 3060 ACTION SECSTATE 28 APR

QUOTE

S E C R E T JIDDA 3060

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PFOR, JO, SA, US
SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF STATE 101829

1. DCM CONTACTED MANSOURI AS SOON AS WE READ REFTEL, REMINDING HIM THAT SAUD HAD AGREED TO SEE ME TODAY. WE WERE NOW ASKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT APPOINTMENT BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IN ANY CASE BEFORE APPOINTMENT WITH JORDAN CROWN PRINCE, WHICH MY INSTRUCTIONS ALSO INSTRUCTED ME TO REQUEST.

2. MANSOURI PHONED FEW MINUTES LATER TO TELL ME SAUD HAD CANCELLED HIS TRIP TO JIDDA TODAY. I SAID IN THAT CASE I WISHED
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TO REQUEST FOREIGN OFFICE TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR ME WITH

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PRINCE HASSAN. MANSOURI AGREED TO DO SO.

3. HASSAN IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JIDDA AT THREE P.M. FOR MEDINA. PRIOR TO THAT TIME HE IS INVOLVED IN CEREMONIES AT MECCA AND JIDDA. HE WILL PROCEED FROM MEDINA DIRECTLY TO AMMAN. THIS MAKES IT UNLIKELY HE WILL RECEIVE ME BEFORE HE LEAVES SAUDI ARABIA. I INFORMED MANSOURI THAT IF I AM ACCORDED INTERVIEW BY HASSAN I WILL BRIEF SAUDIS ON DEVELOPMENTS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

4. AS YOU CAN JUDGE FROM ABOVE, I AM NOT ABOUT TO CONTACT JORDAN CP WITHOUT SAUDI CONGNIZANCE AND ASSISTANCE. I HAVE TO LIVE HERE AFTER HASSAN RETURNS HOME, AND I INTEND TO INCUR NO RISKS OF ADDITIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THIS SAUDI/JORDANIAN ENGRENAGE.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, BUT PROSPECTS NOT BRIGHT. IN ANY CASE, FAHD AND SAUD BEING SENT MESSAGE PARA ONE OF REFTEL.

6. SINCE WIRING THE ABOVE, MFA HAS CALLED TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT CROWN PRINCE'S SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MEET WITH HIM BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR MEDINA.

7. DEPARTMENT PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AT ITS DISCRETION.
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